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ANNOTATIONS ON ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The annotated provisional agenda covering the first part of the thirteenth session, convened from 8 to 11 September 1997, was issued under the symbol PBC.13/1/Add.1. The present annotations provide an update of that document, taking into account the mandate for the resumed thirteenth session and subsequent developments requiring the attention of the Committee. The present document should be considered in conjunction with the report of the first part of the thirteenth session (IDB.18/2).

Item 4. Financial situation of UNIDO

At the beginning of the fourth quarter of 1997, the Organization found itself on the verge of a potentially disastrous financial crisis caused by delays in the payment of assessed contributions by some Member States. The recent payment by a major contributor has temporarily averted the crisis, but the possibility of further financial crises cannot be ruled out. Information on the cash flow crisis, borrowing, regular and operational budget implementation and the separation indemnity reserve is brought to the attention of the Committee in documentation under this agenda item.

The Committee will have before it:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (PBC.13/15-IDB.18/20-GC.7/20)
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.13/CRP.6-IDB.18/CRP.2)
- The practice of borrowing by United Nations specialized agencies. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.13/CRP.7-IDB.18/CRP.3)

Item 6. Programme and budgets, 1998-1999

At the first part of its thirteenth session, the Committee took note of the documentation provided on the proposals for the programme and budgets, 1998-1999, and of the views expressed by Member States, and requested the Director-General to prepare a programme and budget proposal for the biennium 1998-1999 on that basis for submission to a resumed thirteenth session of the Committee to be held on 6 and 7 November 1997 (conclusion 97/4). In the same conclusion, the Committee decided to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group under the chairmanship of Mr. J.A.F.M. Förster (Netherlands) for the purpose of examining issues related to field representation.

The Committee will have before it:

- Ad hoc open-ended working group on issues related to field representation. Report by the Chairman (H.E. Mr. Hans Förster, Netherlands) (PBC.13/CRP.5)

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- Programme and budgets, 1998-1999. Revised proposals. Submitted by the Director-General (PBC.13/14/6-IDB.18/15/6)
- Personnel and financial implications of the proposed budget reductions. Submitted by the Director-General (PBC.13/14/5/Rev.1-IDB.18/15/5/Rev.1)
- Major replacement programme. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.13/CRP.8)

Item 13. Date of the fourteenth session

The dates of 7-11 September 1998 have been reserved tentatively for the fourteenth session of the Committee.

Item 14. Adoption of the report

Item 15. Closure of the session